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A Monthly Review of Missouri Labor Market Information

Missouri Labor Market Review

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February employment and unemployment in Missouri remained about the same as in January. The unemployment rate was 6.5 percent in both months. Total employment was down about 1600 to 2,411,100, while the number of jobless Missourians decreased by 600 to 168,400. These changes are slightly better than would have been expected on seasonal grounds; February typically experiences an increase in unemployment plus a larger drop in employment than occurred this year.

Unemployment insurance claims were up in the month, reflecting the effects of weather on construction activity, among other things. This increase in unemployment covered by unemployment insurance seems to have been offset by lower unemployment in the noncovered sector.

Nonfarm payroll employment increased by 4500 jobs. This resulted primarily from the seasonal increase following winter vacations in schools and colleges. State and local government employment increased by 7700 jobs between January and February, while services employment (including private colleges and universities) was up by 5500 jobs. Elsewhere in the nonmanufacturing sector, retail trade experienced a seasonal drop of 5000 jobs, while construction was down by 2900. Manufacturing employment decreased by 1600 jobs, the majority resulting from a temporary layoff in the electrical equipment industry.

Compared to a year ago, total employment was up by 4600, the number unemployed down by 8800, and the unemployment rate down by four-tenths of a percentage point. Since unemployment decreased by more than the increase in employment, the labor force shrank. The February level of 2,579,500 is 4200 below that of February 1988.

Payroll employment has continued to experience more rapid growth than total employment. Over the past year, the number of nonfarm payroll jobs in the state is estimated to have increased by 41,800. The largest gains were in services (15,500), state and local government (9600), wholesale trade (8500), and retail trade (4700). Manufacturing employment was up by 4500, with notable gains in transportation equipment (2700) and machinery (1700). Construction employment is down by 4200 jobs from the year ago level.

The factory workweek dropped back to 40.7 hours in February, from 41.5 in January. Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production workers of $10.34 were little

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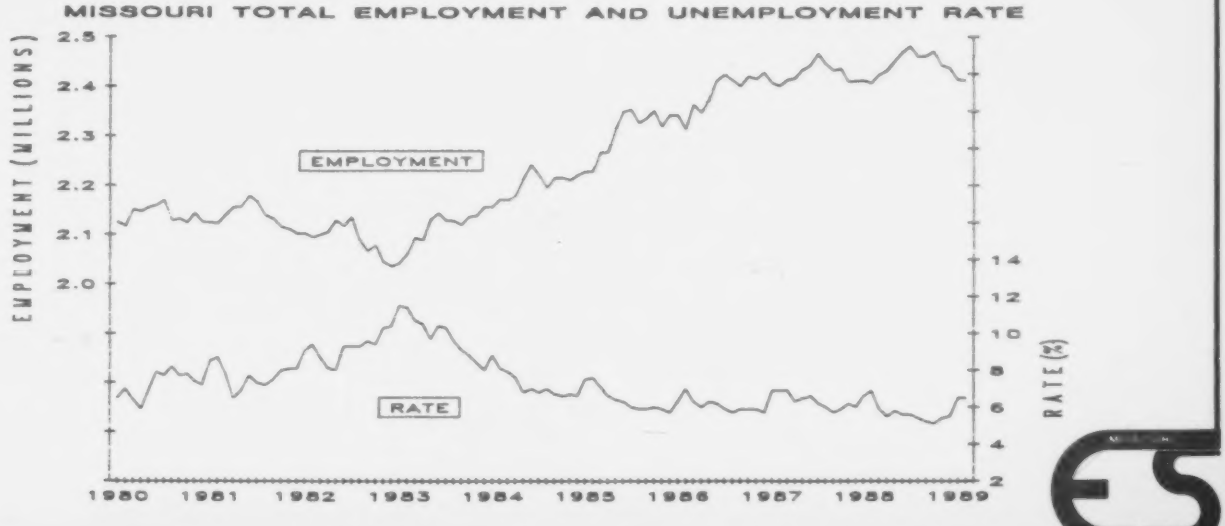

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - A Division of the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Table 1

MISSOURI DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - FEB 1989 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - JAN 1989 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - FEB 1988 (BENCHMARK 1989)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
U.S. (IN 000'S)	121906	115023	6883	5.6	122095	114786	7309	6.0	119942	112460	7482	6.2
STATEWIDE	2579539	2411145	168394	6.5	2581750	2412743	169007	6.5	2583751	2406511	177240	6.9
ST. LOUIS MSA	1256291	1181315	74976	6.0	1256003	1177316	78687	6.3	1252100	1164404	87696	7.0
KANSAS CITY MSA	857554	802949	54605	6.4	849446	799785	49661	5.8	845810	797033	48777	5.8
SPRINGFIELD MSA	124771	118597	6174	4.9	123945	117593	6352	5.1	122949	116555	6394	5.2
COLUMBIA MSA	66930	65063	1867	2.8	65690	63796	1894	2.9	67632	65455	2177	3.2
JOPLIN MSA	70452	66558	3894	5.5	70177	66190	3987	5.7	69748	65772	3976	5.7
ST. JOSEPH MSA	41850	39216	2634	6.3	41898	39127	2771	6.6	42504	39428	3076	7.2
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	13535	12833	702	5.2	13351	12680	671	5.0	13881	13075	806	5.8
ANDREW	6433	5953	480	7.5	6475	5995	480	7.4	6696	6172	524	7.8
ATCHISON	3067	2945	122	4.0	3117	2983	134	4.3	3198	3030	168	5.3
AUDRAIN	10532	9890	642	6.1	10597	9952	645	6.1	10465	9803	662	6.3
BARRY	12649	11957	692	5.5	12761	12061	700	5.5	12142	11345	797	6.6
BARTON	5572	5320	252	4.5	5648	5368	280	5.0	5518	5255	263	4.8
BATES	6497	5663	834	12.8	6590	5733	857	13.0	6690	5982	716	10.7
BENTON	5359	4694	665	12.4	5433	4744	689	12.7	5677	4988	689	12.1
BOLLINGER	3829	3359	470	12.3	3804	3372	432	11.4	3660	3090	570	15.6
BUTLER	16359	14537	1822	11.1	16296	14632	1664	10.2	17193	15327	1866	10.9
CALDWELL	3070	2787	283	9.2	3104	2834	270	8.7	3196	2935	261	8.2
CALLAWAY	16539	15631	908	5.5	16522	15624	898	5.4	16016	14907	1109	6.9
CAMDEN	13097	11669	1428	10.9	13182	11563	1619	12.3	13461	11958	1503	11.2
CAPE GIRARDEAU	33866	32277	1589	4.7	33976	32271	1705	5.0	34403	32323	2080	6.0
CARROLL	3690	3202	488	13.2	3723	3223	500	13.4	4503	3724	779	17.3
CARTER	2123	1827	296	13.9	2141	1839	302	14.1	2242	1960	282	12.6
CEDAR	4557	4160	397	8.7	4618	4241	377	8.2	4718	4314	404	8.6
CHARITON	3855	3597	258	6.7	3903	3641	262	6.7	4119	3873	246	6.0
CLARK	3450	3288	162	4.7	3511	3311	200	5.7	3589	3323	266	7.4
CLINTON	6490	5866	624	9.6	6443	5866	577	9.0	6657	6053	604	9.1
COLE/OSAGE LMA	40072	38192	1880	4.7	40173	38264	1909	4.8	40380	38125	2255	5.6
COOPER	6677	6222	455	6.8	6704	6227	477	7.1	6775	6234	541	8.0
CRAWFORD	9323	8489	834	8.9	9489	8603	886	9.3	8802	7939	863	9.8
DADE	2706	2536	170	6.3	2754	2581	173	6.3	2777	2577	200	7.2
DALLAS	3609	3156	453	12.6	3631	3186	445	12.3	3770	3314	456	12.1
DAVIESS	3356	3083	273	8.1	3402	3131	271	8.0	3659	3362	297	8.1
DEKALB	3584	3298	286	8.0	3538	3304	234	6.6	3554	3279	275	7.7
DENT	6225	5646	579	9.3	6216	5604	612	9.8	6450	5844	606	9.4
DOUGLAS	4590	4135	455	9.9	4661	4195	466	10.0	4813	4285	528	11.0
DUNKLIN	13065	11869	1196	9.2	13321	11936	1385	10.4	13252	12024	1228	9.3
GASCONADE	7617	7016	601	7.9	7783	7256	527	6.8	7592	6980	612	8.1
GENTRY	2774	2633	141	5.1	2787	2637	150	5.4	2851	2658	193	6.8
GRUNDY	5082	4655	427	8.4	5142	4755	387	7.5	5065	4732	333	6.6
HARRISON	4418	4142	276	6.2	4519	4219	300	6.6	4523	4196	327	7.2
HENRY	8969	8064	905	10.1	8950	8027	923	10.3	8473	7640	833	9.8
HICKORY	2731	2465	266	9.7	2841	2564	277	9.8	2673	2403	270	10.1
HOLT	2342	2148	194	8.3	2416	2166	250	10.3	2382	2151	231	9.7
HOWARD	4326	4060	266	6.1	4317	4058	259	6.0	4681	4377	304	6.5
HOWELL	14159	13090	1069	7.5	14179	13097	1082	7.6	13870	12738	1132	8.2
IRON	2768	2439	329	11.9	2783	2419	364	13.1	2783	2359	424	15.2
JOHNSON	19480	18509	971	5.0	19524	18572	952	4.9	19338	18451	887	4.6
KNOX	1868	1679	189	10.1	1871	1707	164	8.8	1974	1791	183	9.3
LACLEDE	13940	12780	1160	8.3	13916	12818	1098	7.9	13599	12639	960	7.1
LAWRENCE	13738	12945	793	5.8	13852	13052	800	5.8	13299	12385	914	6.9
LEWIS	4976	4640	336	6.8	4942	4596	346	7.0	4975	4603	372	7.5

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LINCOLN	11845	10769	1076	9.1	11997	10897	1100	9.2	11899	10498	1401	11.8
LINN	6607	6122	485	7.3	6661	6122	539	8.1	6626	6131	495	7.5
LIVINGSTON	6899	6457	442	6.4	6975	6527	448	6.4	6681	6208	473	7.1
MACON	9132	7548	1584	17.3	8247	7676	571	6.9	8289	7722	567	6.8
MADISON	4569	4068	501	11.0	4545	4175	370	8.1	4571	4143	428	9.4
MARIES	3845	3521	324	8.4	3861	3552	309	8.0	3734	3383	351	9.4
MARION/RALLS LMA	17429	16302	1127	6.5	17530	16382	1148	6.5	17695	16319	1376	7.8
MCDONALD	8015	7639	376	4.7	7933	7478	455	5.7	7365	6992	373	5.1
MERCER	1468	1339	129	8.8	1503	1360	143	9.5	1480	1349	131	8.9
MILLER	8679	7365	1314	15.1	8735	7353	1382	15.8	9139	7627	1512	16.5
MISSISSIPPI	5636	5067	569	10.1	5726	5135	591	10.3	6280	5603	677	10.8
MONITEAU	5668	5225	443	7.8	5958	5272	686	11.5	5869	5313	556	9.5
MONROE	4732	4383	349	7.4	4688	4367	321	6.8	4750	4350	400	8.4
MONTGOMERY	4814	4425	389	8.1	4886	4527	359	7.3	4910	4452	458	9.3
MORGAN	7143	6488	655	9.2	7199	6531	668	9.3	6871	6187	684	10.0
NEW MADRID	9263	8475	788	8.5	9373	8480	893	9.5	9553	8681	872	9.1
NODAWAY	10939	10553	386	3.5	11003	10621	382	3.5	10778	10357	421	3.9
OREGON	3034	2743	291	9.6	3040	2733	307	10.1	3536	3115	421	11.9
OZARK	3357	3053	304	9.1	3339	3016	323	9.7	3409	2973	436	12.8
PEMISCOT	8531	7771	760	8.9	8662	7730	932	10.8	8706	7961	745	8.6
PERRY	7312	6706	606	8.3	7352	6768	584	7.9	8380	7415	965	11.5
PETTIS	18236	16691	1545	8.5	18363	16710	1653	9.0	18197	16721	1476	8.1
PHELPS	16886	15810	1076	6.4	16581	15567	1014	6.1	18093	16982	1111	6.1
PIKE	7330	6630	700	9.5	7387	6616	771	10.4	7075	6356	719	10.2
POLK	10178	9591	587	5.8	10281	9672	609	5.9	9970	9361	609	6.1
PULASKI	12146	11203	943	7.8	12114	11262	852	7.0	14048	13145	903	6.4
PUTNAM	1977	1850	127	6.4	2013	1876	137	6.8	2081	1962	119	5.7
RANDOLPH	11188	10319	869	7.8	11148	10316	832	7.5	11465	10518	947	8.3
REYNOLDS	1986	1781	205	10.3	2040	1792	248	12.2	1921	1595	326	17.0
RIPLEY	4183	3763	420	10.0	4310	3874	436	10.1	4154	3713	441	10.6
SALINE	11464	10587	877	7.7	11434	10586	848	7.4	12292	11067	1225	10.0
SCOTLAND	2154	2003	151	7.0	2180	2001	179	8.2	2197	1980	217	9.9
SCOTT	18736	17344	1392	7.4	18937	17355	1582	8.4	18296	16886	1410	7.7
SHANNON	2551	2210	341	13.4	2567	2210	357	13.9	2619	2234	385	14.7
SHELBY	3337	3054	283	8.5	3261	3100	161	4.9	3404	3238	166	4.9
ST. CLAIR	3312	2998	314	9.5	3412	3042	370	10.8	3353	3024	329	9.8
ST. FRANCOIS	22087	20169	1918	8.7	22387	20252	2135	9.5	21019	18739	2280	10.8
STE. GENEVIEVE	6683	6170	513	7.7	6729	6206	523	7.8	6899	6300	599	8.7
STODDARD	12683	11411	1272	10.0	12738	11420	1318	10.3	12763	11401	1362	10.7
STONE	7579	5952	1627	21.5	7548	5920	1628	21.6	7624	6012	1612	21.1
SULLIVAN	3191	3024	167	5.2	3203	3044	159	5.0	3352	3162	190	5.7
TANEY	12436	9904	2532	20.4	12603	9902	2701	21.4	12919	10368	2551	19.7
TEXAS	8767	7859	908	10.4	8878	7932	946	10.7	9447	8521	926	9.8
VERNON	8684	8145	539	6.2	8775	8179	596	6.8	9041	8513	528	5.8
WARREN	9621	8838	783	8.1	9696	8919	777	8.0	9887	8923	964	9.8
WASHINGTON	6103	5046	1057	17.3	6115	4994	1121	18.3	6026	4727	1299	21.6
WAYNE	5587	5006	581	10.4	5539	4907	632	11.4	5230	4701	529	10.1
WEBSTER	9886	8918	968	9.8	9904	8952	952	9.6	9645	8658	987	10.2
WORTH	1094	1020	74	6.8	1125	1046	79	7.0	1198	1089	109	9.1
WRIGHT	7073	6505	568	8.0	7119	6555	564	7.9	6956	6496	460	6.6

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Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours and Earnings
Missouri (Statewide)
February, 1989

Industry Title	All Employees (In Thousands)			Production Workers								
				Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	2223.6	2219.1	2181.8									
Total Manufacturing	431.0	432.6	426.5	420.84	430.35	406.61	40.7	41.5	40.1	10.34	10.37	10.14
Durable Goods	247.0	248.4	243.3	459.26	473.18	448.52	41.3	42.4	41.3	11.12	11.16	10.86
Lumber & Wood Products	11.7	11.7	11.2	260.44	260.91	230.19	38.3	39.0	35.8	6.80	6.69	6.43
Furniture & Fixtures	11.6	11.6	12.1	329.67	316.80	315.12	40.6	39.6	41.3	8.12	8.00	7.63
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	10.8	10.7	10.5	431.21	455.78	457.47	40.3	41.7	41.4	10.70	10.93	11.05
Cement, Hydraulic	0.9	0.9	0.9	615.26	621.75	630.60	41.6	41.7	43.4	14.79	14.91	14.53
Structural Clay Prod.	2.1	2.1	1.9	514.95	563.74	480.24	41.9	44.6	42.2	12.29	12.64	11.38
Primary Metal Industries	12.6	12.6	12.9	441.56	447.30	472.63	41.5	42.0	41.9	10.64	10.65	11.28
Iron & Steel Foundries	2.1	2.0	1.7	410.40	441.66	459.96	40.0	43.3	44.7	10.26	10.20	10.29
Nonferrous Foundries	3.5	3.4	3.1	354.12	360.59	332.42	44.6	45.3	41.5	7.94	7.96	8.01
Fabricated Metal Products	28.7	28.8	28.2	451.77	459.54	422.28	42.7	43.6	40.8	10.58	10.54	10.35
Structural Metal Prod.	10.2	10.2	10.1	453.35	463.13	413.08	44.1	45.9	40.3	10.28	10.09	10.25
Machinery Exc. Electrical	31.6	31.5	29.9	434.72	435.12	422.52	41.6	42.0	42.0	10.45	10.36	10.06
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	44.7	45.7	46.0	402.70	407.27	403.65	40.8	41.9	41.4	9.87	9.72	9.75
Transportation Equipment	75.7	76.0	73.0	629.20	670.00	611.06	42.2	44.4	42.2	14.91	15.09	14.48
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	30.7	31.2	30.0	629.51	697.68	643.28	41.8	45.6	43.0	15.06	15.30	14.96
Instruments & Related Prod.	12.2	12.3	12.1	346.52	341.54	326.42	41.4	41.6	40.6	8.37	8.21	8.04
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	7.4	7.5	7.4	259.54	266.11	287.54	38.0	37.8	42.1	6.83	7.04	6.83
Nondurable Goods	184.0	184.2	183.2	369.74	373.98	350.21	39.8	40.3	38.4	9.29	9.28	9.12
Food & Kindred Products	44.9	45.3	45.7	419.98	437.00	407.79	40.5	42.1	39.4	10.37	10.38	10.35
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	13.7	13.8	13.7	285.67	311.44	278.02	38.5	42.2	38.4	7.42	7.38	7.24
Dairy Products	5.6	5.6	5.7	472.69	429.44	458.56	42.7	39.8	41.2	11.07	10.79	11.13
Grain Mill Products	7.8	7.8	7.2	432.41	460.38	458.55	43.9	45.9	43.3	9.85	10.03	10.59
Bakery Products	4.1	4.2	4.7	360.10	362.62	379.67	34.1	34.7	34.8	10.56	10.45	10.91
Beverages	9.3	9.5	9.8	776.48	794.47	717.40	42.2	41.4	39.9	18.40	19.19	17.98

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Other Food & Kindred Prods.	4.4	4.4	4.6	405.49	405.32	349.07	41.0	41.7	36.9	9.89	9.72	9.46
Textile & Apparel	22.8	22.5	23.3	200.45	195.30	206.71	34.8	33.9	34.8	5.76	5.82	5.94
Paper & Allied Products	13.0	13.1	12.9	392.76	403.24	389.05	40.7	41.7	40.4	9.65	9.67	9.63
Paperboard Cont. & Boxes	6.5	6.6	6.4	403.38	408.84	385.09	41.5	42.9	39.7	9.72	9.53	9.70
Printing & Publishing	41.9	42.0	41.1	416.98	424.97	385.67	40.8	41.1	37.7	10.22	10.34	10.23
Commercial Printing	14.2	14.4	14.0	484.22	492.06	457.07	41.6	41.7	40.2	11.64	11.80	11.37
Chemicals & Allied	30.1	30.1	29.2	517.28	498.67	490.23	42.4	41.8	41.9	12.20	11.93	11.70
Leather & Leather Products	16.2	16.4	16.9	222.74	228.72	201.72	37.0	38.7	34.9	6.02	5.91	5.78
Footwear Exc. Rubber	12.5	12.7	13.2	208.05	217.32	196.59	36.5	38.6	34.3	5.70	5.63	5.44
Total Nonmanufacturing	1792.6	1786.5	1755.3									
Mining	4.6	4.7	4.9									
Construction	79.0	81.9	83.2									
Transportation & Public Util.	146.1	146.4	144.0									
Railroad Transportation	9.3	9.3	9.4									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	81.6	81.8	78.8									
Communications	55.2	55.3	55.8									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	541.1	546.3	527.9									
Wholesale Trade	141.4	141.6	132.9									
Retail Trade	399.7	404.7	395.0									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	134.7	134.2	134.1									
Services	522.8	517.3	507.3									
Government	364.3	355.7	353.9									
Federal Government	72.2	71.3	71.4									
State & Local Government	292.1	284.4	282.5									

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changed from January, while the drop in hours led to a decrease of $9.52 in average weekly earnings (to $420.84). The weekly average is 3.5 percent higher than a year ago.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

Economic growth in the final quarter of last year was slightly faster than originally estimated but still slower than in the third quarter. Commerce Department data show real gross national product to have grown at a 2.4 percent rate in the period; it is estimated that the rate would have been substantially higher (3.5 percent) if the effects of the drought were excluded. Some analysts expect the GNP growth rate in the January-March period to benefit from a rebound following the drought despite an underlying slowing of economic growth.

The national unemployment rate dropped three-tenths of a percentage point to 5.1 percent in February, after hovering near the 5.4 percent level since the middle of last year. Total employment increased little following an unusually large increase in January. Because of this volatility, not too much emphasis should be placed on a single month's data. Total civilian employment is up by about 2.6 million from the year-ago level, while nonfarm payrolls grew by 3.6 million in the same period.

Outlook

The government's index of leading economic indicators decreased by three-tenths of a percentage point in February. The index had increased for two consecutive months in December and January following about seven months in which the index rose and fell in alternate months. The two-month increase had been seen as a sign of strengthening in the economy. The February change suggests a return to the earlier pattern, which may indicate neither particular strength nor weakness.

Missouri employment and unemployment usually undergo substantial improvement in March, marking the beginning of spring. February's bad weather seemed only to have affected a few sectors, as overall labor market conditions seemed to have experienced less than the usual seasonal deterioration. Whether this means that March will experience more or less than the usual improvement is unclear.

Table 3. Selected Economic Statistics Related To Manpower Developments Missouri — February, 1989

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,579,500	2,581,700	2,583,700	-2,200	-4,200
Total Employment	2,411,100	2,412,700	2,406,400	-1,600	4,600
Total Unemployment	168,400	169,000	177,200	-600	-8,800
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	6.5	6.5	6.9	0.0	-0.4
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment					
Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	2,223,600	2,219,100	2,181,800	4,500	41,800
Manufacturing	431,000	432,600	426,500	-1,600	4,500
Durable Goods	247,000	248,400	243,300	-1,400	3,700
Nondurable Goods	184,000	184,200	183,200	-200	800
Nonmanufacturing	1,792,600	1,786,500	1,755,300	6,100	37,300
State Initial Claims (Wkly Avg.)	9,177	11,590	8,368	-2,413	809
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly Avg.)	59,797	55,286	62,658	4,511	-2,861
Insured Unemployment Rate	3.0	2.7	3.3	0.3	-0.3
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	3,233	3,474	4,122	-241	-889
Amount of Benefits Paid	$25,457,456	$24,398,588	$26,685,879	$1,058,868	-$1,228,423
State U.I.	25,127,123	24,019,584	26,346,026	1,107,539	-1,218,903
UCFE	185,417	223,978	195,068	-38,561	-9,651
UCX	144,916	155,026	144,785	-10,110	131

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Kansas City Labor Market Review

The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Miami counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

February, 1989

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The Kansas City Metropolitan Area's unemployment rate rose from 5.8 percent in January 1989 to 6.4 percent in February 1989 as a result of the Area's merchants completing the readjustments to their holiday hiring. In addition to these layoffs in the Area's retailing sector, other layoffs also occurred in the Area's Construction industry. These layoffs contributed to the Area's number of jobless workers increasing by nearly 5,000 workers, for a total of 54,600 workers. For the first time since the summer of 1987, the Area's jobless total surpassed 50,000 persons. Despite these increases in both the number and rate of unemployment, the Area's economy experienced employment gains in several sectors. The reopening of Area schools added nearly 2,000 to the number of employed workers over-the-month. As the nation geared up for the tax processing season, the metropolitan area added nearly 1,000 more federal tax processors. In addition to these gains, the area also posted substantial gains in the Services industry. The combined gains in these sectors offset those losses in Retail and Wholesale Trade and Construction for a net gain of close to 1,400 workers.

Wage and salary employment was 754,400 in February 1989, up by 1,400 from the January 1989 total of 753,000. For the most part changes over-the-month in the Area's payroll employment were seasonal in nature. As indicated before merchants in Retail Trade and Wholesale Trade laid off 2,300 workers over-the-month. Most of these layoffs occurred in general merchandise and department stores, although non-store retailers and food stores also recorded moderate losses. The only other industry within the Nonmanufacturing sector that experienced losses over the month was the Construction industry which recorded 800 fewer jobs in February 1989 than in January 1989. More than half of these jobs lost in Construction were lost in the special trade contracting activities.

Offsetting these losses in the Nonmanufacturing sector were seasonal gains primarily concentrated in the Services and Government sectors. As indicated earlier tax processing activities accounted for nearly 1,000 jobs added in the Federal Government sector. Total employment over-the-month was up by 1,700 jobs in the State and Local Government sector due primarily to the re-opening of area schools after the winter semester break. The re-opening of local private schools after the holidays also accounted for more than a quarter of the jobs added in the Services industry. Jobs were also gained in business services and health and social services for a total of 2,100 new jobs added over-the-month to the total. Overall the Area's Nonmanufacturing sector added 1,600 jobs over the last month's total for 644,200 jobs.

The Area's Manufacturing sector was virtually unchanged over-the-month. Minor losses in Chemicals and Transportation Equipment were recorded over-the-month, but all other industries within the sector held steady.

Wage and salaried employment was 754,400 in February 1989 compared to 738,300 in February 1988, for a gain of 16,100 jobs over the 12-month period. Manufacturing jobs were down overall by 1,900 jobs, despite these net gains for the Area. Job losses primarily in the Durable Goods Manufacturing industries accounted for the bulk of the decline. More than 3,600 jobs were lost over the period within the Durable Goods Manufacturing sector. After reaching a high of 58,900 jobs in March 1989, the sector has fallen almost steadily over the last 11 months to a low of 54,800 jobs. The three dominant industries experiencing losses have been those most affected by international competition. These were Transportation Equipment which lost 2,000 jobs over the year, Primary Metals which lost 700 jobs and Electrical and Electronic Equipment which lost 1,000 jobs. Within the group only Machinery recorded a gain over the period and these were due to the increased demand for construction machinery and equipment.

The Nondurable Goods Manufacturing group fared much better over the period, gaining 1,700 jobs. The Printing and Publishing industry, spurred on by increased hiring in the greeting cards component, added 800 new jobs. Additional jobs gained over the year in Food and Kindred, Chemicals and Apparel created a net increase of 1,700 jobs in February 1989 compared to a year ago February 1988. Within the Nonmanufacturing sector only one industry - Construction -recorded lower levels of employment in February 1989 compared to February 1988. All other industries in the sector recorded significant job increases over the year. The Service industry was the top job gainer with 7,700 more jobs added over the 12-month period. Personnel services within the business service industry added 1,800 jobs or more than 50 percent of the 3,400 jobs added in business service. Other sizable gains were also recorded in health services with 1,500 more jobs and education which added 600 more jobs. The Government sector, led by 3,700 new jobs added in State and Local Government, mainly in local schools, also gained 4,700 jobs over the February 1988 levels. Retail and Wholesale Trade added a substantial 3,900 more jobs over the period. The Durable Goods component of Wholesale Trade accounted for 85 percent of the 2,700 jobs gained in Wholesale Trade. Although the food and non-store retailing components of Retail Trade posted lower levels of employment in February 1989 than in February 1988, eating and drinking places and automotive retailing experienced an upturn in their demand resulting in Retail Trade sector gaining 1,200 jobs over the period. Stepped up activity

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)
(Benchmark — March 1988)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas

Month and Year of Current: February, 1989

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	754,400	753,000	738,300	+14,000	+16,100
Total Manufacturing	110,200	110,400	112,100	-200	-1,900
Durable Goods	54,800	55,000	58,400	-200	-3,600
Lumber & Furniture	3,000	3,900	4,200	+100	-200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Primary Metal Industries	2,400	2,400	3,100	0	-700
Fabricated Metal Products	8,500	8,500	8,500	0	0
Machinery Except Electrical	7,900	7,900	7,500	0	+400
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	16,100	16,200	17,100	-100	-1,000
Transportation Equipment	8,800	8,900	10,800	-100	-2,000
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(8,400)	(8,400)	(10,400)	(0)	(-2,000)
Other Durable Goods	0	0	0	0	0
Nondurable Goods	55,400	55,400	53,700	0	+1,700
Food & Kindred Products	8,600	8,600	8,300	0	+300
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3,000	3,000	2,900	0	+100
Paper & Allied Products	5,300	5,300	5,300	0	0
Printing & Publishing	21,800	21,800	21,000	0	+800
Chemicals & Allied Products	10,800	10,900	10,700	-100	+100
Petroleum & Coal Products	700	700	700	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0
Total Nonmanufacturing	644,200	642,600	626,200	+1,600	+18,000
Mining & Quarrying	500	600	500	-100	0
Construction	29,600	30,400	30,100	-800	-500
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	62,200	62,100	60,000	+100	+2,200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	195,700	198,000	191,800	-2,300	+3,900
Wholesale Trade(61,000)	(61,300)	(58,300)	(-300)	(+2,700)	
Retail Trade	(134,700)	(136,700)	(133,500)	(-2,000)	(+1,200)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	58,400	58,400	58,400	0	0
Services	180,600	178,500	172,900	+1,600	+7,700
Government	117,200	114,600	112,500	+2,600	+4,700
Federal Government	(31,100)	(30,200)	(30,100)	(+900)	(+1,000)
State & Local Government	(86,100)	(84,400)	(82,400)	(+1,700)	(+3,700)
In Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	100	0	-100

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in trucking and communications accounted for 2,200 more jobs in Transportation, Communications and Utilities. Overall the Nonmanufacturing sector gained 18,000 jobs over the 12-month period.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 54,600 in February 1989 for 6.4 percent of the labor force, compared to 49,700 in January 1989 for 5.8 percent of the labor force and 48,800 in February 1988 for 5.8 percent of the labor force.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

The Kansas City Area's unemployment rate in March 1989 is expected to show a moderate drop as employment in seasonal industries begin to show substantial increases. Employment in the Services industry, Governmant sector, Retail Trade and Construction is expected to show marked gains over the month as warmer weather approaches. Little change is expected in the Manufacturing sector. Unemployment is expected to be 5.4 percent of the labor force in March 1989 compared to 6.4 percent in February 1989 and 5.1 percent in March 1988.

The unemployment rate in April 1989 is expected to dip another two to four tenths of a percentage point as seasonal employment in the Nonmanufacturing sector takes another jump. The Services and Construction industry will show even more substantial job gains over-the-month. Some withdrawals from the civilian labor force may also contribute to a reduction in the rate and number of unemployed. Unemployment is expected to be 5.2 percent of the labor force in April 1989 compared to 5.1 percent in April 1988.

Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current Data: February, 1989**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$464.39	$481.85	$448.77	40.7	41.9	39.4	$11.41	$11.50	$11.39
Durable Goods	493.70	509.46	483.20	40.6	42.0	40.0	12.16	12.13	12.08
Lumber & Furniture	432.14	400.66	296.38	50.9	49.1	36.5	8.49	8.16	8.12
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	434.04	480.98	414.16	36.2	39.2	33.4	11.99	12.27	12.40
Primary Metal Industries	354.48	404.42	481.28	28.0	36.5	37.6	12.66	11.08	12.80
Fabricated Metal Products	411.67	420.75	407.42	40.8	41.7	40.1	10.09	10.09	10.16
Machinery Exc. Electrical	433.54	444.36	435.89	40.9	42.0	43.2	10.60	10.58	10.09
Electrical Equip. & Supplies	574.00	559.52	540.56	41.0	41.6	42.1	14.00	13.45	12.84
Transportation Equipment	640.40	711.34	638.79	40.0	42.8	40.1	16.01	16.62	15.93
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(650.82)	(724.55)	(651.64)	(40.1)	(43.0)	(40.2)	(16.23)	(16.85)	(16.21)
Nondurable Goods	431.26	449.11	405.69	40.8	41.7	38.6	10.57	10.77	10.51
Food & Kindred Products	457.21	442.00	420.90	42.1	40.7	39.3	10.86	10.86	10.71
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	217.77	215.87	195.82	35.7	35.1	32.8	6.10	6.15	5.97
Paper & Allied Products	386.70	411.18	383.17	39.1	42.0	38.9	9.89	9.79	9.85
Printing & Publishing	422.73	474.37	405.30	38.5	41.0	38.6	10.98	11.57	10.50
Chemicals & Allied Products	604.69	601.17	570.24	43.1	43.5	39.3	14.03	13.82	14.51
Petroleum & Coal Products	448.13	424.39	427.35	41.0	39.7	38.5	10.93	10.69	11.10

* This series excludes industry 2771.

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St. Louis Labor Market Review

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Jersey Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,376,998 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

February, 1989

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Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate declined from 6.3% in January to 6.0% in February. Total employment rose 4,000 and the number of unemployed residents declined 3,700. This months unexpected improvement occurred despite a stagnant manufacturing sector, continued weakness in construction and rising interest rates. Seasonal layoffs were reported in retail trade and transportation while seasonal gains occurred in services and government. Most area employers reported little change in their employment levels. Over the year, total employment rose 16,900 and unemployment declined 12,700. The unemployment rate in February 1988 was 7.0%. The 1.5% employment gain was a continuation of the growth trend that St. Louis has experienced during this decade. For the 1980's, annual job gains have averaged 1.5%. During the mid 1980's, gains were concentrated in trade and services. For the past two years, although trade and servies continue to provide significant employment growth, other industries are also experiencing expansion. Significant gains over the year were reported in manufacturing, transportation and government. There were no labor disputants in February or January and 100 in February, 1988.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment declined 800 over the month. Seasonal losses were reported in lumber and beverages. Motor vehicles reported a small decline as auto sales began to slow. Small gains were reported in stone, aircraft and apparel. Over the year, manufacturing job gains totaled 6,400. Transportation equipment continues to report a majority of the manufacturing employment gains. Motor vehicles recalled one shift of laid-off workers while the area's aircraft industry continues to respond to the nation's strong defense and commercial needs. The weak dollar, along with increased demand for rail cars and shipping, continues to help the primary and fabricated metals industries. Commercial printing continues to lead the printing industry while other nondurable goods increases were concentrated in plastics.

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing employment declined 500 over the month. Normal slow February sales caused a seasonal layoff of 3,000 retail trade workers. Construction was down by 3,300 as reduced home building and colder weather affected its employment levels. Seasonal recalls of nonteaching workers affected private schools in services and public schools in government. Finance, insurance and real estate held its own despite slow home sales and bank consolidations. Over the year, nonmanufacturing rose 13,200. Transportation gains were concentrated in airlines. Services is still the job creation leader adding 10,400 over the past 12 months. Construction losses continue to grow, down 4,900 from February, 1988.

Unemployment Rate Outlook

The unemployment rate in March, 1989 is expected to be 5.9%.

Unemployment and Manpower Resources

The industry distribution of Missouri resident claimants is:

Industry	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.'89	Feb.
Mining	13	19	33	41
Construction	1717	2578	5463	6748
Manufacturing	3154	2952	3318	3312
Public Utilities	623	583	726	767
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	2207	2159	2381	2604
Finance	530	510	437	466
Services	4763	4657	4791	4946
All Other	291	322	409	427
TOTAL	13298	13780	17558	19311

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Occupation	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.'89	Feb.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1081	1033	1035	984
Clerical	1505	1343	1317	1361
Sales	343	328	315	331
Farm, Fish & Forest	70	88	137	151
Processing	168	135	150	158
Machine Trades	630	699	679	781
Bench Work	554	481	554	540
Structural Work	943	1142	1613	1744
Misc. Work	1005	1084	1366	1406
Service	996	1047	1058	1108
INA	6003	6400	9334	10747
TOTAL	13298	13780	17558	19311

Available Job Oppportunties

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1989 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	5.3	1.6
Clerical	20.8	20.4
Sales	13.6	16.2
Processing	2.0	2.6
Machine Trades	5.5	5.4
Bench Work	6.5	7.8
Structural Work	6.9	5.4
Motor Freight & Trans.	4.7	4.2
Packaging & Material Handling	10.1	13.5
Domestic	0.8	0.4
Other Services	22.6	21.5
Other Occupations	1.2	1.0
TOTAL	100.0	100.0

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area **Month and Year of Current: February, 1989**

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,132,700	1,134,000	1,113,100	-1,300	+19,600
Percent Change				-(0.1)	+(1.8)
Manufacturing	225,600	226,400	219,200	-800	+6,400
Durable Goods	144,800	145,400	138,300	-600	+6,500
Lumber & Furniture	5,200	5,400	5,200	-200	0
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,400	3,300	3,300	+100	+100
Primary Metal Industries	14,500	14,500	14,100	0	+400
Fabricated Metal Products	17,000	17,100	16,400	-100	+600
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,400	18,400	17,700	0	+700
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	13,500	13,600	13,300	-100	+200
Transportation Equipment	59,500	59,800	55,300	-300	+4,200
Motor Vehicles	18,900	19,300	16,600	-400	+2,300
Aircraft & Parts	33,600	33,500	31,700	+100	+1,900
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	13,300	13,300	13,000	0	+300
Nondurable Goods	80,800	81,000	80,900	-200	-100
Food & Kindred Products	20,400	20,600	21,300	-200	-900
Meat Products	700	700	700	0	0
Beverages	8,200	8,400	8,900	-200	-700
Textiles & Apparel	5,400	5,300	5,400	+100	0
Paper & Paper Products	6,000	6,000	5,900	0	+100
Printing & Publishing	17,300	17,400	16,900	-100	+400
Chemical & Allied Products	18,600	18,600	18,500	0	+100
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,800	2,800	2,900	0	-100
Leather & Leather Products	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	5,800	5,800	5,400	0	+400
Nonmanufacturing	907,100	907,600	893,900	-500	+13,200
Mining	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Construction	43,700	47,000	48,600	-3,300	-4,900
Transportation & Public Utilities	74,100	74,500	73,100	-400	+1,000
Railroads	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	-100
Transportation, Except Railroads	40,800	41,200	39,900	-400	+900
Communications & Public Utilities	28,500	28,500	28,300	0	+200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	274,500	277,100	268,900	-2,600	+5,600
Wholesale Trade	68,500	68,100	66,400	+400	+2,100
Retail Trade	206,000	209,000	202,500	-3,000	+3,500
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	74,900	74,700	74,800	+200	+100
Service, Except Domestic	294,200	290,800	283,800	+3,400	+10,400
Total Government	142,600	140,400	141,600	+2,200	+1,000
Total Federal Government	36,200	36,200	36,400	0	-200
Total State & Local Government	106,400	104,200	105,200	+2,200	+1,200
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	100	0	-100

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Table 2. Average Hours & Earnings of Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area **Month and Year of Current Data:** February, 1989

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$498.90	$511.83	$479.29	41.3	42.3	41.0	$12.08	$12.10	$11.69
Durable Goods	518.33	538.00	495.22	41.4	42.8	41.2	12.52	12.57	12.02
Lumber & Furniture	375.60	371.84	337.94	40.3	39.3	37.3	9.32	9.39	9.06
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	390.20	420.75	395.52	35.7	37.4	35.6	10.93	11.25	11.11
Primary Metal Industries	480.26	505.79	491.82	40.7	42.9	42.0	11.80	11.79	11.71
Fabricated Metal Products	487.13	495.88	459.38	43.3	44.0	41.8	11.25	11.27	10.99
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	483.49	473.91	468.00	42.3	42.2	42.2	11.43	11.23	11.09
Elect & Electronic Equip.	421.64	419.15	401.88	41.5	41.5	40.8	10.16	10.10	9.85
Transportation Equipment	654.66	697.99	623.93	42.1	44.6	42.3	15.55	15.65	14.75
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	344.51	346.87	322.65	37.9	38.8	37.3	9.09	8.94	8.65
Nondurable Goods	460.73	462.73	449.85	41.1	41.5	40.6	11.21	11.15	11.08
Food & Kindred Products	521.59	527.02	495.32	41.2	41.4	40.5	12.66	12.73	12.23
Textiles & Apparel	223.36	221.49	241.60	34.9	34.5	37.4	6.40	6.42	6.46
Paper & Paper Products	448.98	472.50	458.98	42.0	44.2	43.3	10.69	10.69	10.60
Printing & Publishing	439.43	447.28	423.50	40.5	41.3	38.5	10.85	10.83	11.00
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	599.56	578.02	572.45	43.7	43.2	43.4	13.72	13.38	13.19
Petroleum & Coal Products	652.32	648.00	640.23	43.2	43.2	41.9	15.10	15.00	15.28
Leather & Leather Products	284.06	268.58	243.82	43.5	41.9	39.2	6.53	6.41	6.22
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Springfield Labor Market Review

(Greene and Christian Counties)

February, 1989

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA labor force expanded by 800 from January to reach 124,800 in February. This gain is the net result of a 1,000 increase in employment and a decrease of 200 in the number of unemployed persons. The jump in employment mostly reflects school workers (including student help) returning to the job following the semester break and has very little economic significance. The rate of unemployment, estimated at 4.9 percent for February, is down two-tenths of a percentage point from the preiouvs month.

Since February 1988, the rate of unemployment is down by three-tenths of a percentage point and the labor force has grown by approximately 1,800.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Payrolled jobs, estimated at 112,600 for February, are up about 800 from January. This is the net result of 200 drop in manufacturing jobs and a gain of 1,000 in nonmanufacturing employment. The entire reduction in manufacturing occurred in the durable goods segment. Nonmanufacturing industries recording significant changes in employment levels since January include: construction, down 100; finance, insurance and real estate, up 100; and services, up 400.

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers rose three cents from January to reach $8.62 in February. The average factory work week fell eight-tenths of an hour from January to 39.8 hours in February.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Payrolled employment is expected to expected to show a slight rise during March. Seasonal increases in warm weather industries will provide most of the thrust. More substantial gains will occur in April and May.

The rate of unemployment is expected to drop one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.8 percent in March.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri — **Month and Year of Current: February, 1989**

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary, Employment (Exc. Domestics)	112,600	111,800	109,200	+800	+3,400
Manufacturing	21,300	21,500	21,000	-200	+300
Durable Goods	11,500	11,700	11,300	-200	+200
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	1,300	1,300	1,300	0	0
Other Durable Goods	10,200	10,400	10,000	-200	+200
Nondurable Goods	9,800	9,800	9,700	0	+100
Food Processing	4,300	4,300	4,200	0	+100
Printing & Publishing	1,900	2,000	2,000	-100	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	3,600	3,500	3,500	+100	+100
Nonmanufacturing	91,300	90,300	88,200	+1,000	+3,100
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	3,800	3,900	4,000	-100	-200
Transportation & Utilities	6,900	6,900	6,600	0	+300
Trade	31,500	31,500	30,900	0	+600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	5,100	5,100	5,000	+100	+100
Services	29,100	28,700	27,300	+400	+1,800
Government	14,800	14,100	14,300	+700	+500
Federal	2,000	2,000	1,900	0	+100
State and Local	12,800	12,100	12,400	+700	+400
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current Data: February, 1989**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$343.08	$348.75	$335.23	39.8	40.6	39.3	$8.62	$8.59	$8.53
Durable Goods	323.20	323.83	329.87	38.8	39.3	39.6	8.33	8.24	8.33
Nondurable Goods	373.01	385.48	342.22	41.4	42.5	38.8	9.01	9.07	8.82
Food & Kindred Products	355.71	357.11	350.45	39.7	39.9	39.2	8.96	8.95	8.94
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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